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SUBJECT: PROPOSED RECIPROCAL EXEMPTION OF INTERNATIONAL

AIRLINES

REFS: A. CARACAS 5796; B. STATE 110987

1. DRAFT NOTE TRANSMITTED REFTEL A SAME AS DRAFT REFERRED TO REFTEL B. WE HAVE NO PROBLEMS OF SUBSTANCE WITH PARAGRAPHS 4, 5, OR 6, BUT DO HAVE PROBLEMS WITH PARAGRAPHS 1, 2, AND 3. U.S. AUTHORITY TO EXEMPT FOREIGN AIRLINES IS SPECIFIED IN THE LAW AND STATUTORY CONDITIONS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MUST BE ADHERED TO.

- 2. FOR EXAMPLE, U.S. LAW REQUIRES THAT THE OTHER COUNTRY EXEMPT U.S. CITIZENS AND CORPORATIONS, SO WE COULD NOT ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT EXEMPTING ONLY SPECIFIED COMPANIES EVEN IF WE SPECIFIED ALL U.S. COMPANIES CURRENTLY OPERATING IN VENEZUELA.
- 3. U.S. LAW ALSO LIMITS THE EXEMPTION TO PLANES REGISTERED

IN VENEZUELA. THIS MAY NOT BE A PROBLEM TO VENEZUELA BUT WOULD HAVE TO BE STATED.

4. WE WOULD PREFER TO DELETE THE REFERENCES TO EXAMINING THE BOOKS AND FINDING FINANCIAL EQUIVALENCE BETWEEN U.S. COMPANIES OPERATING IN VENEZUELA AND VENEZUELAN COMPANIES

OPERATING IN THE UNITED STATES. THE U.S. APPROACH DOES NOT REQUIRE THIS. WE ARE PREPARED TO CONCEDE THE RIGHT TO TAX TO THE COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE OF THE OPERATOR ON THE BASIS OF RECIPROCITY. IF THIS IS IMPORTANT TO VENEZUELA, PERHAPS THEY COULD MAKE UNILATERAL REFERENCE IN THE OPENING OF THEIR REPLY NOTE.

- 5. WE WOULD LIKE TO DELETE PARAGRAPH 2.
- 6. WE CAN ACCEPT PRINCIPLE OF CONSULTATION IN PARAGRAPH 3 OF VENEZUELAN DRAFT BUT WOULD WANT TO MAKE SOME DRAFTING CHANGES. USG COULD NOT FURNISH TAX RETURN INFORMATION.
- 7. WE HOPE GOV WILL BE ABLE TO MODIFY ITS TEXT TO ACCOMMODATE U.S. NEEDS AS OUTLINED ABOVE. IF THEY CAN AGREE IN PRINCIPLE WE WILL PREPARE A REVISE DRAFT COMBINING THE TWO PRIOR DRAFTS. VANCE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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